Task Force is to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

Regional Development Boards for Jammu, Ladak and Kashmir

1368. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of regional development boards separately for the three regions of the State, namely, Jammu, Ladaka and Kashmir;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government propose to develop these areas in a systematic manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up regional development boards. However, the Government of J & K have issued guidelines regarding constitution of the Advisory Groups to air and assist the District Development Commissioners in different aspects of District Administration including developmental matters.

Rehabilitation of Shoe-makers in Delhi

1370. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to rehabilitate the shoe-makers and repair workers of Delhi who are earning their livelihood on the pavements of roads;

(b) whether there is any proposal to issue them licences to work at their places of work to save them from harassment of police and DMC staff; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Following a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court by the hawkers/squatters for allotment of kiosks/stalls, the New Delhi Municipal Committee formulated a scheme for rehabilitation of hawkers/squatters including shoe-makers/repairers operating in its area. It has, however, been restrained from issuing any fresh licences (Tehbazari) till the matter is finally decided by the Supreme Court.

पंजाब में मानवाधिकारों का कथित उल्लंघन

1371. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 25 अगस्त, 1991 के "ट्रिब्यून" में ह्यूमन राइट्स वायोलेशन इन पंजाब शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है और यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ख) क्या उक्त रिपोर्ट में पंजाब समस्या के समाधान हेतु कतिपय सुझाव भी दिये गये हैं : और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने सदर्भित समाचार देखा है । समाचार में उल्लिखित एशिया वाच की रिपोर्ट अभी तक नहीं प्राप्त हुई है और उसको प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं । रिपोर्ट के प्राप्त होने और उसकी जांच किए जाने के बाद आगे उचित और आवश्यक कार्रवाई की जायेगी ।